

## VIRGINIA:

## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER REGARDING  
ELECTIONS, UNIT: VC-2978  
(hereinafter "Subject Drilling Unit")

DOCKET NO. VG0B-98/0721-0673

## REPORT OF BOARD

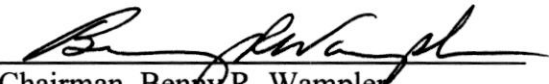
## FINDINGS AND ORDER

1. This Supplemental Order is entered by the Board sua sponte in the form authorized by the Board at its hearing held at 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 1992, Board of Supervisors Room, Courthouse, Grundy, Virginia, and pursuant to authority granted to the Board's Chairman at the hearing of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board on June 16, 1992, at 9:00 a.m. at the Rhododendron Restaurant at the Breaks Interstate Park, Breaks, Virginia; and this Supplemental Order is being recorded for the purpose of (1) complying with the requirement of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulations, 4 VAC 25-160.70C by supplementing the Order previously issued by the Board for subject Docket on August 10, 1998, and recorded at Book 337, Page 702 in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Dickenson County, Virginia on August 11, 1998 (herein "Board Order") to complete the record regarding elections. The Board Order pooled all interest in Subject Drilling Unit including those of the Respondents more particularly set forth and identified by the Designated Operator in the affidavits attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Board finds it has jurisdiction over the subject matter pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Gas and Oil Act, § 45.1-361.1 et seq., Virginia Code, 1950 as amended.
2. Findings: The Board finds that:
  - (a) The Board Order directed Equitable Resources Energy Company, (herein the Designated Operator"), to mail copies of the Board Order to all respondents whose interest, if any, were pooled by said Board Order;
  - (b) The designated operator filed its affidavit of mailing dated September 2, 1998, disclosing that it had mailed a correct copy of the Board's Order to all Respondents whose interest, if any, were pooled by said Board Order;
  - (c) The Board Order required each Respondent whose interest, if any, were pooled by the terms of said Board Order to make his or her election within thirty (30) days after the date of mailing or recording, as applicable, of said Order; the Designated Operator has filed its affidavit dated September 24, 1998, in accordance with § 7.C of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulations and 4 VAC 25-160.70C (herein "Affidavit


of Election”), wherein it has, for each Respondent whose interest, if any, were pooled by said Board Order, stated: (i) whether each Respondent has made or failed to make a timely election; (ii) the nature of the election made, if any; (iii) whether, by reason of a failure to elect or to timely elect one or more Respondents are deemed, under the terms of the Board’s Order, to have leased all their rights, title, interest, estates and claims in Subject Drilling Unit to the Designated Operator;

- (d) The Board Order further required the Designated Operator, after expiration of the election period, to file with the Board a statement of the interests subject to escrow under the terms and provisions of the Board Order, in light of the elections made or deemed to have been made (herein “Statement of Interests”); that the Designated Operator furnished said Statement of Interests as part of its Affidavit of Election. A copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
  - (e) Current Board standards requiring the escrow of funds and the Board’s agreement with its Escrow Agent, First Virginia Bank- Mountain Empire, P.O. Box 1038, Abingdon, Virginia 24212, or any successor named by the Board, require the entry of a Supplemental Order establishing of record the elections made or deemed to have been made and specifying the sums or percentage thereof subject to escrow. Current Board escrow standards were made applicable to Subject Drilling Unit by a Board Order dated December 23, 1992.
3. Order: By this Order, the Board orders the Designated Operator to tender, consistent with and in accordance with the findings set forth at paragraph 2. above and the annexed Affidavits, any funds subject to escrow and instructs the Escrow Agent, First Virginia Bank-Mountain Empire, Trust Department, P.O. Box 1038, Abingdon, Virginia 24212, or any successor named by the Board to establish interest-bearing escrow account(s), IRS Tax Identification Number 54-1629506, in accordance with the information set forth in said affidavits to receive such funds and account to the Board therefore.
  4. Mailing of Order and Filing of Affidavit: The Designated Operator under the captioned Order or its Attorney shall file an affidavit with the Secretary of the Board within ten (10) days after the date of receipt of this Order stating that true and correct copy of this Order to each person whose interest or claim is subject to escrow and whose address is known.
  5. Conclusion: Therefore, the findings and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.
  6. Effective Date: This Order shall be effective on the date of its execution.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998 by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.


  
Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998, by Order of this Board.

  
Byron Thomas Fulmer  
Principal Executive to the Staff  
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

STATE OF VIRGINIA       )  
COUNTY OF WISE       )


Acknowledged on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny R. Wampler, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.

  
Susan G. Garrett  
Notary Public

My commission expires 7/31/98

STATE OF VIRGINIA       )  
COUNTY OF WISE       )

Acknowledged on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Byron Thomas Fulmer, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Principal Executive to the Staff Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.

  
Diane J. Davis  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 9/30/2001

**VIRGINIA:*****BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD***

IN RE: Application of Equitable Resources Energy Company, Eastern Region for Forced Pooling of Interests in Unit Number VC-2978, VGOB Docket No. VGOB-98/0721-0673 in the Ervinton Magisterial District of Dickenson County, Virginia.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WILHOIT & KAISER, Attorneys-at-Law, Agents for the Designated Operator REGARDING ELECTIONS, ESCROW ACCOUNTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER**

James E. Kaiser (herein Affiant), being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

1. That the Affiant is an attorney in the law firm of WILHOIT & KAISER, the Agent for the Designated Operator, with offices located at 155 Shelby Street, Kingsport, Tennessee 37660, and is authorized to give this Affidavit in its behalf;
2. That the Order entered on August 10, 1998, by the Virginia Gas and Oil Board regarding the captioned coalbed methane Unit required the Applicant to mail a true and correct copy of said Order to each person pooled by said Order;
3. That within seven (7) days of the receipt of an executed copy of the Order referred to at Paragraph 2. above, the Affiant was directed to cause a true and correct copy of said Order to be mailed via the United States Postal Service to each Respondent named in the captioned Application, whose address was known, and to all persons, if any, who are added as Respondents at the hearing held in the captioned matter;
4. That the Order of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board in the captioned matter required all persons pooled thereby to tender their written elections to the Unit Operator within thirty (30) days of the date said Order was recorded in the county above named; that said Order was recorded on August 11, 1998.
5. That the Designated Operator, by and through their agent, Wilhoit & Kaiser, Attorneys-at-Law, have established procedures to review all mail received and all written documents received by means other than by mail to ascertain whether parties whose interest have been pooled have made a written election, in a timely fashion, as required by the captioned Order; that said procedures were followed to identify the elections, if any, made with regard to Subject Unit; that the following persons delivered, by mail or otherwise, written elections to the Unit Operator, within the thirty day election periods:

NONE

6. That the interest and/or claims of the following persons (who made timely elections, or who are deemed under the terms of the Board's Order to have leased, or who, subsequent to the pooling hearing held in the captioned matter, have leased or otherwise entered into an agreement with the Designated Operator) are subject to escrow under the Board's Order pooling the captioned Unit, Board Regulations and

the Code of Virginia; that opposite the name of each person named as a Respondent listed below is set forth:

The following revenue interests are **subject to escrow** provisions due to conflicting Claims as between the gas owner and the coal owner.

Tract	Lessor	Net Revenue Interest	
3	Martha Musick & Charles Musick	0.00993750	RI
<b>Gas Estate</b>			
	<b>OR</b>		
3	Pittston Coal Company	0.00993750	RI
<b>Coal Estate</b>	c/o Clinchfield Coal Company		

7. That after the pooling hearing held in the captioned matter, the following persons have leased or entered into a voluntary agreement with the Designated Operator with regard to their interest and/or claims which are not subject to escrow:

NONE

8. That the following persons have not made a timely election and have failed to enter into an agreement with the Designated Operator and their respective interests shall be deemed to have leased pursuant to and in accordance with paragraphs 10 of the Order.

Tract	Name	Cash Consideration
3	Martha Musick & Charles Musick	4.67 Acres x \$5=\$23.35

That pursuant to the provision of 4VAC 25-160.70C annexed hereto and incorporated herein is a proposed supplemental order to be entered to complete the record regarding elections; that said annexed supplemental order sets forth that the services of the Escrow Agent are required in this matter pursuant to the terms of §§ 45.1-361.21.D.

Dated at Kingsport, Tennessee, this 29th day of September 1998.

James E. Koush  
Affiant

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me by James E. Kaiser, the Agent of Equitable Resources Energy Company, a corporation, on behalf of the corporation, this 24th day of September 1998.

My commission expires: July 31, 2001

Jamie E. Fuller  
Notary



# EXHIBIT "B"

## VC-2978

VGOB 98-0721-0673

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<u>TRACT</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>	<u>NET REVENUE INTEREST</u>	
<b><u>Gas Estate Only</u></b>						
1	Pittston Company c/o Pine Mountain Oil & Gas, Inc. Attn: Richard Brillhart P. O. Box 5100 Lebanon, VA 24226	Leased-EREC 241490L 01 T-261	80.890000%	47.5400	0.10111250	RI
	Equitable Resources Energy Company				0.70778750	WI
<b>Tract 1 Totals</b>			80.890000%	47.5400	0.80890000	
2	Reba Counts, Widow 280 Fairway Drive Abingdon, VA 24210	Leased-EREC 241577L01	5.580000%	3.2800	0.00697500	RI
	Carolyn Counts Sharpe 7933 Harper Road Hixson, TN 37343	Leased-EREC 241577L01	2.790000%	1.6400	0.00348750	RI
	E. Martin Counts Jr. 119 South Germantown Road Chantano, TN 37411	Leased-EREC 241577L01	2.790000%	1.6400	0.00348750	RI
	Equitable Resources Energy Company				0.09765000	WI
<b>Tract 2 Totals</b>			11.160000%	6.5600	0.11160000	
3	Martha Musick and Charles Musick, W/H Route 2 Box 310-A Cedar Bluff, VA 24609	Deemed Leased	7.950000%	4.6700	0.00993750	RI
	Equitable Resources Energy Company				0.06956250	WI
<b>Tract 3 Totals</b>			7.950000%	4.6700	0.07950000	
<b>TOTAL GAS ESTATE</b>			100.000000%	58.7700	1.00000000	



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<b><u>Coal Estate Only</u></b>						
1	Pittston Company c/o Clinchfield Coal Company Attn: Steve Smith P. O. Box 7 Dante, VA 24237	Leased-EREC 241640L01 T2-186	80.890000%	47.5400	0.10111250	RI
	Equitable Resources Energy Company				0.70778750	WI
<b>Tract 1 Totals</b>			80.890000%	47.5400	0.80890000	
2	Reba Counts, Widow 280 Fairway Drive Abingdon, VA 24210	Leased-EREC 241577L01	5.580000%	3.2800	0.00697500	RI
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	Equitable Resources Energy Company				0.09765000	WI
<b>Tract 2 Totals</b>			11.160000%	6.5600	0.11160000	
3	Pittston Company c/o Clinchfield Coal Company Attn: Steve Smith P. O. Box 7 Dante, VA 24237	Leased-EREC 244792L01 TC-242	7.950000%	4.6700	0.00993750	RI
	Equitable Resources Energy Company				0.06956250	WI
<b>Tract 3 Totals</b>			7.950000%	4.6700	0.07950000	

**TOTAL COAL ESTATE**

100.000000% 58.7700 1.00000000

VIRGINIA: IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DICKENSON COUNTY, 12-17, 1998. This deed was this day presented in said office, and upon the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed, admitted to record at 4:05 o'clock P.M., after payment of \$        tax imposed by Sec. 58.1-802.

Original returned this date to:

*Diane Davis*

BY:

*Joe Tate*

TESTE: JOE TATE, CLERK

D. CLERK